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Says Secretary Wilson Proves What the Crop is Worth—He Will So Proclaim.

Atlanta, November 13.—President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Growers association says:

"The open declaration of Secretary Wilson that the recent condition report is accurate and trustworthy and which shows that the year's crop will be in the neighborhood of only 10,000,000 bales, should knock out all the high estimates and put everybody down on the working basis of a short crop."

The secretary's estimate confirms the report made by this association some time ago, predicting a crop of about 10,000,000 bales. As this report is confirmed by accurate information from two or more reliable sources, it is unquestionable that the remainder of the crop now in the hands of planters should not be marketed for less than 15 cents a pound. I shall at once issue a proclamation advising this course."

SOLD WHISKEY IN CHURCH.

The Unspeakable Sacrilege of a Negro "Blind Tiger" in Yorkville—No Punishment to Fit the Crime.

Yorkville, November 13.—Last Saturday night Policeman Sanders caught Harry Ward, the negro sexton of the Church of the Good Shepherd, (Episcopal,) of this place, red-handed in the act of selling whiskey to three white men over the pulpit of the church. In searching the vestry room a quantity of whiskey was found in the closet or wardrobe, where the surplice of the rector is kept when not in use.

Policeman Sanders had had his eye on Ward for some time, but refrained from arresting him sooner in order that there might be no doubt as to his guilt. The specially unfortunate aspect of the case is that the law as it now stands does not provide adequate punishment for such an outrage as this, as the limit is \$100 fine or thirty days' imprisonment. It is to be hoped that at its next session the legislature will change the law so as to make the minimum penalty six months' imprisonment and \$200 fine.

No Matches Required.

Portland Oregonian.

"How did this terrible forest fire get started?" inquired the tenderfoot from Indiana.

"Well, you see," replied the Oregon man, "last week me an' Si Hanks wuz up the mountains on a hunting trip, an' Si wuz 'bout seven miles from camp and wanted to light his pipe."

"Oh, I see—and he threw down the lighted match and set the woods afire."

"No, you don't see. Let me tell my story. Si wanted to light his pipe. He had put a bunch of matches in his pocket the night before in the dark. Si kep' a congratulatin' himself on having a plenty of matches, an' he waited until he could git to a nice flat rock, where he could set down and smoke an' drink in the inspirin' scenery. Si wuz jest as eager for that smoke as a tomcat for his dinner when he ses a bowl o' cream with the kiver off. Finally Si seen a big rock—the finest rock for a seat in the hull state of Oregon, an' the finest piece of scenery from the Puget sound to Mexico. Si set down, pulled out his old pipe an' filled it full o' the best tobacco that grows. Then he reached in his pocket for a match and fetched out a wooden toothpick. He dove in again an' fetched out another. Then he pulled out the hull bunch o' matches an' found they wuz nothin' but toothpicks. Nary a match, nothin' to eat an' no use for toothpicks—an' seven miles to camp. And then Si Hanks set the forest afire."

"I don't see how he could do that if he had no matches," said the dubious tenderfoot.

"Ye don't huh?"

"I certainly don't."

"Well, Si Hanks jest naturally set them woods afire with the lightning of his wrath."

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